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SUBJECT: OPERATION BUCCANEER, SITREP NUMBER 6

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ENDURKIN

EOIL STRICKLER

PASS DIRECT TO MRO

1. CURRENT STATUS OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

A. COMMUNICATIONS: ALL REPEATER STATIONS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED. A MOTOROLA REPRESENTATIVE WILL ARRIVE TUESDAY NEXT TO RESOLVE THEM

B. AIRCRAFT. NO CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF MACHINES. A FEW MINOR PROBLEMS WITH THE T-41'S HAVE BEEN CORRECTED BY JDF AIR WING MECHANICS. SA'S MAGERS, BRADLEY, HUFFMAN, AND VANDEVER RETURNED CONUS AFTER COMPLETING THEIR TOURS. THEY WILL BE TRANSITIONED INTO UH-1H HELICOPTERS AND RETURN LATER IN THE OPERATION. THEIR MISSION HERE WAS TO BECOME ORIENTED IN JAMAICA AND THE TYPE OF FLYING REQUIRED. THEY
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WERE ALSO HELPFUL IN EASING THE FLYING BURDEN OF THE

JDF. THEY PERFORMED BOTH MISSIONS ADMIRABLY AND ESTABLISHED A RAPPORT WITH THEIR JDF COUNTERPARTS THAT SHOULD PROVE VALUABLE IN DEVELOPING THE DEA/JDF TEAM-WORK ESSENTIAL TO FUTURE SUCCESS.

C. BOATS

(1) MARINE POLICE. ONE MARINE POLICE BERTRAM LOST A CLUTCH. PERIOD OF NONAVIALABILITY UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. SHCHOOLING OF MARINE POLICE IS COMPLETED. ROUTINE NIGHT PATROLLING HAS COMMENCED. HOWEVER, HEAVY SEAS CAUSED CANCELLATION OF THREE PATROLS LAST WEEK. BM/1 "TATE" DECATOR RETURNED TO HIS COAST GUARD DUTIES WITH DEA'S THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. SA'S CHASE AND KEAN RETURNED CONUS UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEIR TOURS. SA CHASE IS PROGRAMMED TO RETURN IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. SA ERSON KERN REPORTED INTO WORK WITH THE MARINE POLICE.

(2) JDF COAST GUARD CUTTER P-6 IS ON STATION. COMMUNICATION IS GOOD.

(3) U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER IS ON STATION IN THE WINDWARD PASSAGE. COMMUNICATIONS DIRECT WITH BUCCANEER BASE NOT YET ESTABLISHED. RELAY IS THROUGH ATLAS AND SATISFACTORY, BUT NOT WHOLLY RESPONSIVE TO TACTICAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. STATUS OF THE OPERATION

A. ERADICATION: A MEETING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, 30 JULY AT JAMAICA'S PARLIAMENT BUILDING. ATTENDEES WERE MINISTER MATALON, COMMISSIONER ROBINSON, JCF, BRIGADIER GREENE, JDF, AND SA SEARS. MINISTER MATALON REITERATED GOJ'S RESOLVE TO ERADICATE GANGA FIELDS USING HERBICIDES. HE EXHORTED ALL PRESENT TO GET ON WITH THE JOB AT THE BEST POSSIBLE SPEED. THIS MEETING WAS PROBABLY CALLED AS A RESULT OF GOJ'S REALIZATION THAT U.S. HELICOPTERS WILL SHORTLY APPEAR. JDF ERADICATION EFFORTS USING BRUTE FORCE METHODS HAS BEEN PURSUED DURING THIS MONTH, AND STATISTICS ON WHICH TO BASE AN ADJUSTMENT TO PARAGRAPH 3 WILL BE PROVIDED NEXT WEEK.

B. SURVEILLANCE AND INTERDICTION

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(1) THIS EFFORT IS NOW IN PROGRESS. BUCCANEER BASE IS UNDERGOING TRANSITION TO A TRULY 24-HOUR A DAY OPERATIONAL POSTURE. GROWING PAINS ARE OCCURRING AS WE ATTEMPT TO GAIN CONTROL OF DIVERSE ELEMENTS AND COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES. SUCCESS OF THIS EFFORT WILL DEPEND ON OUR ABILITY TO WORK OUT THE KINKS AND FUNCTION AS TEAM. WE AREN'T THERE YET, BUT IT'S COMING

(2) SA BRAND RETURNED SUNDAY FROM A LIAISON TRIP TO GRAND

CAYMAN. PURPOSE WAS TO COORDINATE SURVEILLANCE OF A SUSPECT VESSEL NOW IN CAYMAN WITH THE CAYMAN POLICE AND TO ESTABLISH WORKING COMMUNICATIONS. LOCALLY, GROUND SURVEILLANCE TECHNIQUES AND INFORMANT DEVELOPMENT WILL RECEIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY ATTENTION

C. INVESTIGATIONS

BASED ON AN INVESTIGATION INITIATED BY SA KEAN, THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF 4,000 POUNDS OF GANJA WAS ARRANGED. THE GANJA WAS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE BEACH WHERE A BOAT WAS TO PICK IT UP. A \$30,000 FLASHROLL WAS PROVIDED BY THE JCF. THE DEAL WENT AS PLANNED. A JDF AND JCF LAND FORCE COVERED THE BEACH. A MARINE POLICE BOAT ACTED AS THE SMUGGLERS BAOT AND DEA AND JDF/ JCF PERSONNEL COVERED THE FLASHROLL IN A HOTEL WITH THE DEFENDANT. BUCANEER BASE CONTROLLED THE OPERATION. THE MARINE POLICE BOAT WITH TWO DEA PERSONNEL ON BOARD BACKED TOWARD THE BEACH (TO HIDE THE BOAT'S IDENTITY) FLASHING A LIGHT SIGNAL. IT WAS RETURNED. A TRUCK THEN PULLED UP TO THE LOADING SPOT AND OFFLOADED THE GANJA. DEA'S NAVAJO WAS ON NIGHT PATROL AND PROVIDED RADION RELAY DURING PERIODS OF MARGINAL COMMUNICATIONS. THE BUST WAS MADE. 4,000 POUNDS OF GANJA WAS SEIZED ALONG WITH 7 DEFENDANTS, 3 SMALL BOATS, AND ONE LARGE DUMP TRUCK.

3. ACCOMPLISHMENTS: CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF SEIZURES AND ARRESTS COMPUTED AS OF APRIL 1, 1974, AS REPORTED BELOW:

	TOTAL	THIS WEEK
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MARIHUANA SEIZED/

DESTROYED	71,700 LBS	4,000 LBS
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MARIHUANA SEED SEIZED-

DESTROYED	5,200 LBS	NONE
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COCAINE SEIZED	3 LBS	NONE
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AIRCRAFT SEIZED/

DESTROYED	6	NONE
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BOATS SEIZED/

DESTROYED	4	3
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VEHICLES SEIZED	3	1
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MONEY SEIZED	\$65,600.00	NONE
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WEAPONS SEIZED	1	NONE
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